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Where suit has been brought against a defendant to recover for a quantity of coal converted, and before judgment had, the plaintiff dies, the suit can not be carried on and maintained by the widow, to whom the plaintiff has by will devised all his property, without taking out letters of administration. McLean County Coal Co. v. Long, 291.

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The receipt whose conditions the company relied on in this case was a blank of the United States Express Company and was prepared by the plaintiff's book-keeper, the word "Adams" being written in place of "United States." The goods were described but not valued. Among the conditions was one providing that the United States Express Company would not be liable for more than \$50 on each package, unless the true value was stated. *Held*, that the receipt construed literally was not a contract between the parties, and that it was error to declare as a matter of law that it was to be read as though the words, "United States" were not in it. *Ibid.*

To overcome the valuation clause in an express receipt, the plaintiff offered to prove that the defendant, through its agents, had solicited his patronage on the same terms as other companies, viz., that the goods in which he dealt should be taken on non-valuation rates, which offer the court rejected. *Held*, error. *Ibid.*

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An express company, notwithstanding a contract made with a shipper in limitation of its liability as a common carrier, is liable for loss or damage caused by the negligence of a railroad company, or its agents employed by it. The failure of the railroad company to use the most improved platforms is negligence of this character. *Ibid.*

Congress has enacted no law which forbids inter-State common carriers by water or land from regulating the business of their vessels or vehicles in such manner that the accommodations for colored passengers on their respective conveyances may be distinct and separate from those assigned to white passengers. Colored persons are, however, entitled to accommodations as suitable as those designated for the exclusive use of white passengers. *Green v. The City of Bridgeton*, 206.

A colored woman went on board a steamboat and took her position as a passenger on the upper deck aft, a portion of the boat assigned to the exclusive use of white passengers. She was directed by one of the officers of the boat to the cabin on the lower deck, a place affording substantially the same accommodations as the place where she then was, but designed especially for colored people. She refused to do so, and tendered the customary fare, which was declined. Having been threatened that she would be put off the boat at the next landing place if she persisted in remaining where she was, she voluntarily left the boat at such landing place. *Held*, that she had no cause of action for such exclusion. *Ibid.*

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As a condition precedent to any contract for the transportation of baggage, the carrier may require information from the passenger as to its value, and demand extra compensation for any excess beyond that which the passenger may reasonably demand to be transported as baggage under the contract to carry the person. *Ibid.*

The carrier may be discharged from liability for the full value of the passenger's baggage, if the latter, by any device or artifice, puts off inquiry as to such value, whereby is imposed upon the carrier responsibility beyond what it is bound to assume in consideration of the ordinary fare charged for the transportation of the person. *Ibid.*

In absence of legislation or special regulations by the carrier, or of conduct by the passenger misleading the carrier as to value of baggage, the failure of the passenger, unasked, to disclose the value of his baggage is not, in itself, a fraud upon the carrier. *Ibid.*

To the extent that articles carried by a passenger for his personal use when traveling exceed in quantity and value such as are ordinarily or usually carried by passengers of like station and pursuing like journeys, they are not baggage for which the carrier, by general law, is responsible as insurer. *Ibid.*

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property situated in another State, the latter may without violating any of the obligations of comity, uphold its own laws concerning the effect of such a contract upon the rights of third parties domiciled within such States. *Denny v. Faulkner*, 32.

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A paper writing for the payment of money in Missouri was executed in Kansas. By the law of Missouri such writing was not negotiable; by the law of Kansas it was: *Held*, that the paper was negotiable. *Ibid.*

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An act of the State of Oregon authorized the adoption of text books for the use of the common schools of the State by a majority of the votes of the county superintendents, to be canvassed and declared by the board of education, and provided that the books so adopted should be exclusively used in such schools for the period of four years thereafter. *Held*, that such act did not constitute a contract with the publishers of the adopted books by which the State was bound to use the same in its schools for said period, nor authorize the board of education to make any contract with such publishers on behalf of the State, concerning the furnishing and use of said books, 81.

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A statute which authorizes a board of equalization to impose a penalty of treble the amount of taxes on one furnishing a false list of his property with fraudulent intent to the assessor, after due notice to appear and defend against the charge, does not violate those provisions of the Constitution securing to every person a "trial by jury," and "due process of law," before being deprived of life, liberty or property. *State v. Moss*, 165.

Constitutionality of State law as to carriage of Texas cattle, 179.

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A prisoner, on his trial, may, with the consent of the State and court, waive the benefit of the constitutional provision that "the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate" by consenting to be tried by a jury of less than twelve. *State v. Kaufman*, 313.

Whether a prisoner may, with the consent of the State and court, waive a trial by jury altogether, *querre*. *Ibid.*

Statute imposing a penalty upon livery stable keepers giving credit to undergraduates of college without consent of its officers unconstitutional, 323.

Rhode Island statute which, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits the sale of any merchandise within one mile of the place where a religious society is holding an out-door meeting, unless the society consents to the sale, is a police regulation, and constitutional. *State v. Read*, 346.

Wisconsin statute rendering railroad companies liable for injuries to servants valid, 353.

Where a State by its system of taxation does not prohibit a State from taxing, in the hands of one of its citizens a debt held by that citizen upon a resident of another State, such debt being evidenced by the bond of the debtor, and the payment being secured by deed of trust or mortgage upon real estate situated in the State in which the debtor resides. *Ibid.*

Discrimination in State procedure against non-residents not unconstitutional, 493.

The statutes of the United States providing for the registration in the patent office of any device in the nature of a trade mark, to which any person has by usage established an exclusive right, or which the person so registering intends to appropriate by that act to his exclusive right, and making the wrongful use of a trade mark so registered by any other person without the owner's permission a cause of action in a civil suit for damages (act of July 8, 1870) and punishing by fine and imprisonment the fraudulent use, sale and counterfeiting of trade marks registered in pursuance thereof (act of August 14, 1870) are unconstitutional. *United States v. Steffens*, 449.

The said legislation is not authorized by that clause of the Constitution giving power to Congress "to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by reserving for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." Art. I, sec. 8, cl. 8. A trade mark is neither a "writing" nor a "discovery." *Ibid.*

Neither is said legislation authorized by the clause in the Constitution granting to Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes." Art. I, Sec. 8, cl. 3. *Ibid.*

Whether a trade mark bears such a relation to commerce in general terms as to bring it within Congressional control when used or applied to the classes of commerce which fall within that control, not decided. *Ibid.*

Franchise granted to lottery by Indiana Territorial legislature could not be impaired by subsequent Constitution or statute, 479.

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CONTRACTS.

[See, also, SALES.]

A promise to marry made by a person physically and incurably impotent is contrary to the statutory policy of the State, and its breach will not constitute a cause of action. *Gullick v. Gullick*, 5.

An agreement was entered into by creditors of an insolvent corporation with a third party, "and with each other" to sell and assign their claims respectively to said third party for twenty-five cents on the dollar for each dollar of their claims. The plaintiff, who was a creditor, before signing the agreement, exonerated and received as a consideration for his signature, an indorsed note for a sum in addition to the

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twenty-five cents stipulated for. In a suit on the note: *Held*, that the consideration was illegal, and the contract void. *Bastian v. Dreyer*, 49.

Rescission of contract: when tender of consideration received necessary, 56.

Purchase and sales of stock on margins are mere gambling devices and will not be enforced, 75.

Legality of commercial transaction, a question of fact depending on intention of parties, 76.

If one of the parties to a bargain of sale contemplates an actual sale, the transaction may be perfectly valid irrespective of any illegal purpose entertained by the other, 76.

A contract can not be a gambling contract, unless both parties concur in the illegal intent, 76.

Where a commercial "operation" is a purely gambling transaction, and understood to be so by both parties, neither can sue the other on it, 76.

Where an actual purchase is contemplated and the parties act in good faith, the fact that speculation is the object is of no legal importance, 76.

It is lawful to buy merchandise for future delivery, even if at the time of purchase the seller has none to deliver, 76.

Sales on the corn exchange, even for immediate delivery, do not necessarily contemplate the delivery of a specific lot, but only for the amount, kind and quality bargained for, 76.

One who sells for immediate delivery must be ready to deliver on call, and if he disqualifies himself from so doing by selling to another, the original purchaser can claim damages for conversion, or repudiate the sale and demand the property, 76.

A contract is binding upon the proposer as soon as a letter of acceptance, properly directed to him, has been posted by any person to whom the proposal has been made, notwithstanding such letter never reaches him, provided that there is no unreasonable delay in accepting the proposal, and that the ordinary and natural mode of transmitting the acceptance is through the post. *Household etc. Ins. Co. v. Grant*, 89, 271.

A, who resides at Swansea, handed a written application for one hundred shares in the B company to the manager of the company, on the 30th of September. On the 20th of October, the B company, whose office was in London, posted a letter of allotment of one hundred shares to A, directed to the address at Swansea that A had given in his form of application. This letter of allotment never reached A. *Held*, that in an action by the B company against A for the amount of a call due in respect to the one hundred shares allotted to him, that A was liable to pay the call. *Ibid.*

A, a wholesale milliner in Peoria, writes to B in Monmouth to engage the latter to do millinery work, and asks B to answer by return mail. B at once answers accepting, but the letter is not posted until two days thereafter. In the meantime A having received no reply as requested, makes efforts to secure another milliner, and failing to do so makes efforts to find B in Monmouth, but is unable to do so. B's letter of acceptance then comes to hand. A, after receiving same, leaves for Chicago and engages another milliner. B now brings suit for breach of contract. *Held*, that B having failed to accept by return mail there is no contract. *McClay v. Harvey*, 145.

Promise made by county of bounty for enlistment made after enlistment, not binding, 218.

Contracts "on Account of" or "on Behalf of" Another. Article from *Law Times*, 233.

In the absence of a statute authorizing it, a contract made in advance for interest upon overdue installments of interest—i. e., compound interest is void, 321.

A resolution of appointment is not a contract and may be withdrawn or altered before acceptance, 459.

Can an action be maintained for price of goods sold for immoral use? *Query*, 39; *answers*, 60, 80.

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Action for, can not be maintained where the goods alleged to have been converted have been consigned by the plaintiff to a third person to be paid for as they were sold by him, 55.

Agent entrusted with wheat to hold and sell, when directed by his principal, and to account for the proceeds, liable for conversion in case he wrongfully refuses to sell or to account when directed, but unlawfully retains possession against the wishes of principal, 97.

By one of several tenants in common, 116.

When demand unnecessary, 337.

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Not liable to action for malicious prosecution, 16. Liability of stockholders in, 16.

Where it is attempted to organize a corporation under the statute of Massachusetts of 1886, ch. 200, but the organization is never completed through failure to comply with the requirements of the law, officers of the inchoate corporation, who, in anticipation of the completion of the organization, carry on business in its name and for its benefit, are not partners with the subscribers to the stock or articles of association. *Ward v. Brigham*, 45.

Construction of a subscription to capital stock, 97.

Insurance companies have the power to take and hold negotiable notes and other securities in the general conduct of their business, and this includes the power to negotiate them. *Alexander v. Horner*, 111.

Action against directors for attempted purchase of stock which corporation afterwards repudiated, 115.

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The personal liability of directors and officers of corporations for indebtedness exceeding the capital stock, can be enforced only by the creditors as a whole, and not by an individual creditor for the amount of his debt, 159.

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Where officers of a corporation have sold stock thereof at public auction for non-payment of an assessment thereon, a writ of *mandamus* will not be granted to compel them to transfer on the books of the corporation and issue a certificate for said stock to a purchaser thereof at said auction, 198.

How ownership of stock may be proved, 260.

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Where the by-laws of a corporation require that stock shall be transferred on the books of the company, a transfer by assignment and delivery only will not be effective, even as against a subsequent judgment creditor of the transferor. *Peoples Bank v. Gridley*, 249.

The corporation known as the Lawrence bridge company, organized under an act of the territory of Kansas, approved February 9th, 1858, and the acts amendatory thereto, with the exclusive right and privilege of building and maintaining a bridge across the Kansas river at the city of Lawrence, was dissolved in twenty-one years from said February 9th, 1858, by expiration of the time limited for its continuance by the special statute under which it was created. *State v. Lawrence Bridge Co.*, 373.

The provisions of sec. 29, ch. 23, Gen. Stats., are invalid and void, so far as they attempt to authorize corporations organized under special acts of the territory of Kansas, to continue in the enjoyment and exercise of the powers, privileges and franchises conferred on them by their special acts of incorporation, without any limitation as to time, as in conflict with section 1 of article 12 of the State Constitution. *Ibid.*

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COSTS.

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A conviction or acquittal of a simple assault and battery, before a court of competent jurisdiction to try the same, does not bar a subsequent prosecution for the same assault and battery with intent to commit a felony. *State v. Hattabough*, 87.

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Section 1025 of the Revised Statutes provides: "No indictment * * shall be deemed insufficient * * in matter of form only." *Held*, that anything that forms part of the description of the crime is not a "matter of form." *United States v. Conant*, 129.

B & C, having had a quarrel with A, are approached by A. B commands him to halt or he will shoot him, and C thereupon shoots and kills A. *Held*, that the circumstances do not import a common intent between B and C to kill A, so as to make B guilty, 139.

Giving evidence by accomplice for State, does not bar indictment against him, 156.

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Objections to the introduction of evidence can not be made for the first time in the court of last resort. *Ibid.*

Construction of "similar offense" in criminal statute, 396.

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Exemplary damages for wrongfully causing death of another, can only be given where there are aggravating circumstances attending such wrongful act. Where there are no such circumstances, the jury should be restricted to the necessary or pecuniary injury resulting from such death. *Morgan v. Durfee*, 12.

Pecuniary condition of defendant can be given in evidence, and is only proper subject for consideration of jury, where there are such circumstances of aggravation attending the wrongful act complained of as would warrant vindictive or punitive damages. *Ibid.*

Measure of, in actions of trover, 41.

For failure to deliver stock measure of damages is the same as for any other marketable commodity, i.e., the value of the stock on the day when it should have been delivered, with simple interest, 75.

Measure of, for wrongfully attaching cattle, 96.

In actions for personal injury, a jury should take into consideration all the heads of damage, in respect of which the sufferer is entitled to compensation. These are the bodily injury sustained; the pain undergone; the effect on the health of the sufferer, according to its degree and its probable duration as likely to be temporary or permanent; the expenses incidental to attempts to effect a cure or to lessen the amount of injury; the pecuniary loss sustained through inability to attend to a profession or business. *Phillips v. London & R. Co.*, 125, 365.

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In an action for personal injuries, a new trial will be granted at the instance of the plaintiff, where the damages awarded by the jury are unreasonably small. A verdict for £7,000 damages set aside in this case because too small. *Ibid.*

When damages for loss of profits may be recovered in actions of tort, 159.

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In the absence of fraud or bad faith, the proper measure of damages in a suit by the purchaser of a safe against the manufacturer, who warranted it "burglar proof," is the difference between the value of the safe as it was, and what it would have been worth if it been as represented; and not the damages sustained in the loss of valuables taken out of the safe by burglars, who effected an entrance into it. *Herring v. Skaggs*, 229.

To constitute the fraud in such a case, which will authorize recovery of the value of articles lost in the safe, there must be something more than the mere assertion that the safe was burglar proof; there must have been an assertion as a fact, of that which the seller knew to be false; or a recklessly false affirmation that the safe was burglar proof, when the seller did not know whether the assertion was true or false; or a knowledge on the part of the seller that the safe was not burglar proof, and a failure to communicate that knowledge, when the seller knew that the purchaser was contracting for the safe as burglar proof; and the purchaser trusting to these representations must have been misled by them. *Ibid.*

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An easement of light and air, supplied to the windows of one person from the premises of another, can not be acquired in this State by a mere user for twenty years under a claim of right. *Hayden v. Dutcher*, 324.

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In an action on the case for negligence, the evidence must be confined to the time and place and circumstances of the injury, and the negligence then and there; but what occurred to others, at other times, more or less remote, is collateral and inadmissible. Thus, where one is charged with negligence in not sufficiently lighting the hall and passage-way to his place of business, and in leaving open the doors to his elevator-ways: *Held*, that evidence, embracing a period of two years, tending to show at different times the condition of the hall and entrance-way as to light—whether more or less, or none—the position of the elevator gates and doors, of what had happened to others at different times, and their fortunate escape from peril, was not admissible. *Parker v. Portland Publishing Co.*, 108.

In an action against a railroad for killing stock, the bad condition of its fences at other places than where the stock got upon the track is irrelevant, 153.

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Where the sheriff of one of the counties of Nebraska with process issued by a Nebraska court, comes into this State (Kansas) and levies upon personal property within the limits of this State, such levy is absolutely void, and confers no title or right of possession upon such sheriff. *Denny v. Faulkner*, 32.

But where such sheriff with such process levies upon property within the limits of his jurisdiction, he establishes a title and right of possession which will be recognized and protected in the courts of this State, (Kansas) although while holding such possession he temporarily moves such property into this State, and while in this State it is seized upon process issued out of a court in this State. *Ibid.*

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Where F domiciled in Nebraska dies leaving personal property in Kansas, and administration is duly taken out at the place of his domicil, and the administratrix so appointed takes peaceable possession of such property in Kansas, and there is no opposing administration in this State (Kansas), and no local creditors: *Held*, that the courts of this State will *ex comitate* recognize her possession as rightful and protect it as fully as though she had taken out letters of administration in this State. *Ibid.*

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immovable structure and an extension of the highway over the Kansas river. Held, that the bridge is a public highway. When the corporation expired by limitation its franchise or license to demand or take tolls also expired, and the free use of said common highway is in the public. *State v. Lawrence Bridge Co.*, 372.

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A man has the right not only to defend his person but his place of abode from unwarranted attack, or threatened danger, to defend his possession, and use such means as are necessary to repel the assailant from his dwelling or office, even to taking of his life, and an instruction which ignores this right of party assaulted therein is bad, even though it state correctly the law of self-defense of the person. *Ibid.*

"Malice" is a legal term having a technical signification, and is not the legal equivalent of "revenge," and where jury are told that the mortal blow to be justifiable must not be struck in a spirit of malice or revenge, and no definition of the word "malice" is given, such instruction is defective in leaving the jury to construe the word as they would. *Ibid.*

An indictment for murder may charge the assault to have been made with several kinds of weapons. *State v. Blan*, 387.

An indictment that A gave the mortal blow, and that B was present aiding and abetting, is sustained by evidence that B gave the mortal blow, and A was present aiding and abetting, and it is wholly immaterial whether it is correctly stated in the indictment that either or both did it. *Ibid.*

An indictment for murder must allege an assault and the nature thereof, a mortal wounding of the deceased, and that the deceased died of such wounds within a year and a day, and the averment that "the defendant did kill and murder" the deceased, without averring that he died of the wounds, is but a statement of a legal conclusion, and is insufficient. *Ibid.*

The doctrine that an indictment need not describe the wound, nor state the part of the body on which it was inflicted, and also that where there are several counts charging the same offense, one good count will sustain a general verdict of guilty, reaffirmed. *Ibid.*

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The legal termination of the prosecution is sufficiently shown by the refusal of the grand jury to find a bill, without a formal order of discharge by the court. A rejection of the complaint by the grand jury is *prima facie* evidence of want of probable cause. *Ibid.*

A defendant can not excuse himself by showing that he acted under the advice of an unprofessional person. *Ibid.*

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MANSLAUGHTER.

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MOB.

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MORTGAGE.*Of Personality.*

Where a chattel mortgagor takes possession of the property mortgaged, and in good faith, according to the statute, advertises and sells the property, he is responsible to the mortgagor for only the surplus of the proceeds of sale above the debt, interest and costs. But if he make other disposition he is responsible for the difference between the actual cash value at the time and place of taking possession and the amount of the debt and interest. *Denny v Faulkner*, 32.

Destruction between conditional sale and chattel mortgage, 58.

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After foreclosure of a mortgage upon real estate under the power, the only right of redemption by mere act of the parties is that given by statute, and can be exercised only as there prescribed, 57.

After-acquired lands not used in connection with the actual operations of a railroad, can not pass under a general mortgage of the railroad itself, as a part thereof, under the doctrine of accretion. *Calhoun v. Paducah &c. R. Co.*, 66.

Where the property conveyed by such a mortgage is described as "the railroad then constructed and to be constructed, etc., and all other corporate property, real and personal, of said railroad company, belonging or appertaining to the said railroad, whether then owned or thereafter to be acquired," lands subsequently acquired and not essential to the operation of the road do not pass by the mortgage by implication. *Ibid.*

Mortgage by tenants in common; conflicting liens, 199. A mortgagee is so far the owner in fee of the mortgaged estate that if any part of it is wrongfully severed and converted into personality by the mortgagor his interest is not divested, but he remains the owner of the personality and may follow it and recover it or its value of any one who has converted it to his own use. But the severance must be wrongful, and where it is made by the mortgagor or one acting under his authority, whether it is wrongful will depend upon the question whether a license to do the act has been expressly given or is fairly to be implied from the relations of the parties. *Searle v. Sawyer*, 466.

Where the mortgaged estate is a farm, a license to cut and carry to market wood and timber to a limited extent might be implied from the relation of the parties, if in carrying on similar farms it is usual and good husbandry so to do. *Ibid.*

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An election is absolutely void and not voidable when it is held by persons who are not officers *de jure* or *de facto* acting under colorable authority. *Ibid.*

Under the new Constitution, which prohibits a donation by a township to a railroad, except where the same has been authorized under existing laws, the vote of the people of a township taken in a manner not pointed out by law is not such an authorization under existing laws as to prevent or remove the constitutional prohibition. *Ibid.*

In cases depending upon the Constitution or statutes of a state, the Supreme Court of the United States adopts the construction of the Constitution or statutes given by the courts of the State, when that construction can be ascertained, and when different and conflicting interpretations have not been made by the State courts. *Fairfield v. County of Gallatin*, 467.

In a suit upon coupons of a series of bonds issued by the defendant, a county in the State of Illinois, in October, 1870, as a donation to assist in the construction of a railroad, the question presented was whether a donation to a railroad company legally authorized and approved by a majority of the legal voters of a county prior to the adoption of the new State Constitution is rendered invalid by a prohibition of such donations contained in that Constitution. In *Town of Concord v. Portsmouth Savings Bank*, 92 U. S. 625, 3 Cent. L. J. 249, this court held that donations by counties to railroads were prohibited by the Constitution; that they could not lawfully be made after July 2, 1870, even although they been authorized by a prior statute and by a vote of the people of the county. It now appearing, however, that prior to the above decision by this court, the Supreme Court of Illinois in construing this same section had, unknown to this court at that time, decided that donations, if sanctioned by popular vote before the adoption of the Constitution, are not prohibited by it, this court changes its decisions as made in *Town of Concord v.*

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Portsmouth Savings Bank, supra, and adopts the interpretation of the State Supreme Court. *Ibid.*

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.*[See also, NEGLIGENCE.]*

A municipal corporation can not ratify an unlawful act; but this rule does not affect proceedings to recover back money or property obtained by an act *ultra vires* 19.

Highway commissioners can not bind their township by a partial payment for work which the township could not have authorized, such as the digging of a sewer within another jurisdiction, 19.

A municipality can not abridge its legislative power by contract, and it can not impair a contract by its legislative power; neither can it make a valid contract beyond its power to contract, and a contract made within its power to contract is valid. *City of Indianapolis v. Indianapolis Coke Co.*, 193.

A contract made by a municipal corporation, not *ultra vires*, not against public policy, and not fraudulent, may be enforced the same as the contract of a person. *Ibid.*

City can not agree with an owner of real estate to submit to arbitration the question of the amount due as betterments, 27.

Power of, to borrow money, 335.

Liability of municipality for acts of mobs; the case of the Pittsburg riots, 341.

A clause in a city charter provided that "nothing in this charter shall be construed as giving power to vote money for any object except for the regular, ordinary and usual expenses of the city." This clause being in force the city council resolved to give a ball and banquet in honor of certain strangers. The resolution of the council and the preparations for the ball were well known, and September 9, 1878, the ball took place. September 27, 1878, certain tax-payers of the city prayed that the city treasurer might be perpetually enjoined from paying the bills incurred. *Held*, that the injunction must issue. *Austin v. Coggeshall*, 367.

Neither the fact that the city authorities had without objection given a similar ball in 1875, nor that the complainant tax-payers had waited till the expense had been incurred before filing their bill of complaint, nor that the caterers had acted in good faith and must suffer if the injunction issued, could be urged by the respondent treasurer against the prayer of the bld, as one who contracts with a municipal corporation is bound at his own peril to know the limits of municipal authority. *Ibid.*

City not liable for acts of police officers, 416.

Authority of council to build and maintain piers can not be delegated, 437.

No power in city to offer reward for arrest of criminals, 478.

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MURDER.*[See HOMICIDE.]***NATIONAL BANKS.***[See BANKS AND BANKING; EMBEZZLEMENT.]***NEGLIGENCE.***Contributory Negligence.*

Questions of, for the jury, 38.

One entering the premises of another, whether by invitation, or as a mere licensee, is himself bound to exercise ordinary care and diligence, and failing in this and suffering injury, he can not recover. *Parker v. Portland Publishing Co.*, 103.

P having occasion to carry an advertisement to the defendant for publication in its newspaper late at night, found the counting-room closed. He thereupon proceeded to the editorial rooms on the second floor. At the head of the stairs there was a hall; on the right hand the door leading to the editorial rooms, and on the left an elevator entrance with folding doors. P, being a stranger to the premises, and the hall being dark, in trying to find his way fell down the elevator way, the doors of which had been left open, and was seriously injured. *Sembie*, that his want of care and prudence having caused the injury he could not recover. *Ibid.*

In an action for injuries to a servant, caused by the negligence of the master, the contributory negligence of a fellow-servant is no defense. Contributory negligence to defeat such an action must be that of the plaintiff, or of some person for whose acts he is responsible. *Stellar v. Chicago &c. R. Co.*, 131.

In walking on bridge having no side railings, 336.

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Where the train of a railroad company starts at the regular time of starting, and the train had been in proper position to receive its passengers a sufficient time to allow all passengers who were ready at the proper time to take seats in the car, and a passenger after the train had started, and while it was in motion, attempted to get on board, and is injured, he can not recover for such injury. *Chicago & R. Co. v. Scates*, 167.

Burning of hotel by sparks from locomotive; contributory negligence, 178.

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Duty of passenger on street car to see that car is stopped before alighting, 218.

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The Doctrine of Identification of Passenger with Carrier in Actions of Tort. Article by J. A. Tyng, 24.

Damages caused by domestic animals, 35.

The council of the city, by an ordinance, provided for putting cap logs upon wharves, and prescribed a penalty for its infraction: *Held*, that no civil liability at the suit of a person injured could arise from non-observance of this ordinance, 74.

A person whose land has been injured by the negligent mining of coal beneath it, or whose crops have been injured by heat and smoke from the coke ovens, is entitled to recover for damages so sustained, 75.

Ordinary care and diligence must be used to keep business places, and the usual passage-way to them, safe for the access of all persons coming to them at all reasonable hours, by their invitation express or implied, or for any purpose beneficial to them. *Parker v. Portland Publishing Co.*, 108.

No duty is owed to a mere licensee, and he has no cause of action for negligence in the place he is permitted to enter. *Ibid.*

Recovery over against third party, 135.

A mercantile agency is not liable for a loss to a subscriber acting upon information collected by its agents and communicated by them to him under his written contract with the agency, wherein it is expressly agreed that the mercantile agency shall not be responsible for any loss caused by the neglect of any of its servants, attorneys, clerks and employees. Under such a contract there is no liability on the part of the agency, even for gross negligence in the collection and communication of information by its agents. *Duncan v. Dun*, 151.

To render the owner of a vicious dog liable, it is not necessary that he has previously bitten others; it is enough to show that there was within the owner's knowledge a probability that he might do so, 153.

The doctrine of Fletcher v. Rylands, 233.

Degree of care required of owner of dock, 259.

A person using, or dealing with an article dangerous in itself, is bound to use great caution. If he does not do so, and if a third party is injured, the person injured has a right of action against the person dealing with the dangerous article. To support such an action there need be no privity of contract between the party injured and the person by whose breach of duty the injury is caused. *Parry v. Smith*, 248.

Liability of board consisting of unpaid officers, for negligently allowing a dangerous obstruction to exist in a navigable river which the board were appointed to improve, 301.

A who had been for some three weeks a patient in the Rhode Island Hospital, paying \$8 per week, brought an action against the hospital for damages, alleging severe injuries caused by the unskillfulness and negligence of the surgical interne, a house officer of the hospital. At the trial, a verdict for the defendant was directed by the presiding judge, on the ground that the hospital, being a public charity, was exempt for reasons of public policy from the liability charged. *Held*, that in the absence of legislative provisions granting such exemption, the exemption could not be allowed, public policy requiring that duty assumed should be faithfully performed. *Glavin v. Rhode Island Hospital*, 329.

Although the attending physicians and surgeons could not be considered as servants of the hospital, yet the hospital was responsible for the exercise of reasonable care in selecting them, and liable for their negligence. *Ibid.*

Concerning the Degrees of Negligence as Applied to the Case of Common Carriers, 343, 363.

Liability of owner of building for negligence of servants of occupier. *Stewart v. Putnam*, 350.

Negligence in signing promissory note, 378.

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The liability of a landlord for injuries to third persons in consequence of defects in premises leased, ceases with the commencement of the tenant's occupation. But when the landlord has covenanted to repair, he is liable to the same extent that he would be if in actual occupation of the premises himself, upon the principle that by his covenant to repair he holds out to those in the lawful occupation of the premises an implied assurance that they are safe and an implied invitation to use all parts of them. *Anderson v. Kryter*, 385.

Telegraph company responsible for injury occasioned by the breaking of its poles only by proof of culpable negligence in the construction or maintenance of the line; it is not bound to guard against storms of unusual severity, 418.

Liability for damages caused by freezing of overflow water, 458.

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Negligence of section-foreman, in taking up rail for purpose of repairing track, without putting out proper signals, the negligence of the corporation; plaintiff, a laborer employed by the corporation on a wood-train that was ditched in consequence of the negligence of the section-foreman entitled to recover, 17.

Duty of master to servants as to machinery, etc., 38. A brakeman on defendant's railroad, was injured while attempting to uncouple cars. It was contended that the defendant was negligent in using a T guard rail, when a U rail would have been safer. Evidence was introduced tending to show that the U rail was safer. It was not shown that U rails were in general use in that locality. The plaintiff was an experienced railroad man, and knew of the character of guard rails in use on the road. *Held*, that there was no evidence of negligence to go to the jury. *Smith v. St. Louis etc. R. Co.* 51.

When an employee enters upon or continues in the service with the knowledge that machinery of a particular character is in use in that service, he can not recover for injuries inflicted by such machinery on the ground that other and safer machinery should have been provided. *Ibid.*

Liability of master for injury to servant by defect in rolling stock of railroad, 156.

Relation does not exist between servant of contractor for lighting street lamps and city so as to bar action by former for injury caused by defect in sidewalk, 156.

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A city is not responsible for injuries caused by destruction of its buildings by unusual and unprecedented storms, 57.

Duty of municipality as to highways governed by surroundings, 75.

Highway must be kept in such order that even "skittish" animals may be employed without danger, 75.

Liability of, for defective highway does not extend to objects outside the traveled way, 216.

When city liable for defect in sidewalk made by adjoining owner, 279.

Duty of city regarding streets and sidewalks, 279, 298.

Liability of cities for injuries caused by snow and ice, 355.

In the absence of express legislative authority, a city can not lawfully grant to a street railroad company the right to operate a steam motor along its streets; and to do so is negligence which will render the city liable for injuries sustained by a person on the street by reason of the operation of the motor. *Stanley v. City of Davenport*, 392.

Proximate and Remote Cause.

The defendant's bar tender sold liquor to B, and an altercation ensuing, threw a glass at B, which missed him and injured plaintiff; *Held*, that the injury was not the proximate consequence of the sale of the liquor, 159.

Sparks of fire thrown from defendants' engine set fire to combustible materials alongside of the railroad on land adjoining the plaintiff's strip of land, on which were piles of lumber, the property of the plaintiff; the fire was transmitted to combustible materials, leaves, brush, etc., on said strip of land, and by force of a high wind to the lumber. *Held*, that the question of remoteness or proximity was a question of fact for the jury. *Lehigh Valley R. Co. v. McLean*, 187.

Liability of one person for an injury which though primarily the result of his act is more immediately the result of the intervention of another, 281.

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Where defendant delivered a quantity of cotton at a wharf in a wet condition, and the plaintiff there received and shipped it while in this condition, and after such shipment the cotton was damaged by continued freezing and thawing: *Held*, that plaintiff was not entitled to recover for damages accruing to the cotton after he had received it and had exercised an independent control over it with a full knowledge of its condition and liability to injury. *Brandon v. Gulf City Cotton Press Co.*, 289.

A was injured by a horse driven by B. The horse was frightened by the overturn of a sleigh to which it was harnessed, and the overturn was caused by a heap of snow and ice wrongfully made and left in a highway by C: *Held*, that the act of C was the proximate cause of the injury, 377.

Railroad Companies.

A railroad company, using the track of another company for the purpose of transporting passengers and property, is liable for damages caused by defects in the road, or through the negligence of the servants or employees of the latter company. This rule applies as well to its own employees as to passengers and freighters. *Stellar v. Chicago & R. Co.*, 131.

Rule of liability of railroads for killing stock, 154.

Horse railroad company liable for injury by servants of lessee of its road, 156.

Duty of railroads and passengers; burden of proof, 158.

It is not the duty of a railroad company to provide means by which passengers can get on board the train of cars while it is in motion. It is their duty to construct and maintain a platform at a convenient and suitable place, by which passengers can safely and securely enter the cars, when the train is placed in position for the reception of passengers. *Chicago & R. Co. v. Seates*, 167.

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A railroad company is not liable for the negligent mismanagement of one of its trains, while used and controlled by an independent contractor, for construction purposes, 241.

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A negotiable note for ten dollars was executed and delivered with blanks preceding the amount, and blank as to place of payment. Afterwards the words and figures were changed by some one so as to make it read for one hundred and ten dollars. A place of payment was also inserted. There was nothing about the appearance of the note to excite suspicion, and it was taken by plaintiff after alteration, before maturity, for a valuable consideration, and without notice of such alteration. *Held*, that no recovery could be had thereon. *Knoxville Nat. Bk. v. Clark*, 29.

Material alteration in promissory note will avoid it against parties interested, 39.

An instrument in writing purporting to be a promissory note, is none the less a promissory note because it contains a stipulation to pay attorneys' fees if suit be instituted on the note. *Howenstein v. Barnes*, 48.

Note of corporation though *ultra vires* valid in hands of subsequent indorsee without notice, 58.

A signed his name upon a note, payable to order of maker, after it was signed upon the face, but before it was indorsed by the maker, and before negotiated; *Held*, that it was a note payable to bearer; that the defendant, as indorser, was entitled to notice, 56.

Notes given by a purchaser to a stock broker to cover losses incurred by the broker in stock gambling, on the principal's account, are void, 61.

Where one gives a warranty deed of land, and his title at the time of giving it is called in question and litigated, and a subsequent purchaser, who entertains doubts as to the force and effect of the covenants in his deed, enters into a contract by which he gives his note in contribution towards procuring a release from a litigating claimant, such note is for a valuable consideration, 98.

The maker of a note, who pays it to an indorsee and holder who obtained it by fraud, is discharged from liability thereon to the payee, unless the maker had notice of such fraud; and the discharge extends

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Note payable in money can not be varied or changed by contemporaneous oral agreement, 118, 236.

The vendor of a bill or note, notwithstanding he transfers the same by an indorsement without recourse, impliedly warrants, by the very act of transferring, that the prior signatures to the paper are genuine, and so far at least as affected by his dealings with or relations to the paper, that it expresses upon its face the exact legal obligations of all such prior parties. *Challis v. McCrum*, 149.

An order in the form of an inland bill of exchange not upon any particular fund, is not, before acceptance, an assignment, and does not create any lien in favor of the holder upon funds of the drawer in the hands of the drawee, 200.

Alteration sufficient to invalidate note cured by subsequent erasure so as to restore it as it was originally, 181.

A certificate of deposit, payable to order, of a certain number of dollars "in currency," is negotiable. *Klauber v. Biggerstaff*, 488.

The word "currency" in a certificate of deposit means "money," and includes bank notes issued by authority of law and in actual and general circulation at their legal standard value. *Ibid.*

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Judicial officer not liable for injury occasioned by error of judgment, 122.

The responsibility of a county treasurer, in the absence of any statute enlarging it, is measured by the common law rule applicable to bailees for hire other

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than common carriers and innkeepers. The statutory official bond of a county treasurer does not increase his responsibility; but its office is to secure the performance of his legal obligations. Cumberland Co. v. Pennell, 305.

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The powers of police officers commented on, 320.

A sheriff can not be sued jointly with his deputy for a tort committed by the latter alone, nor will an action lie against him after a judgment against the deputy upon which execution has been issued, 322.

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The objection of the non-joiner of necessary parties is not required to be raised by the pleadings; it may be made on the hearing, and acted upon by the court on its own motion. *Ibid.*

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A pledgee of commercial paper, unlike a pledgee of chattels, has, in the absence of a special contract, no right to sell such securities, but must collect them and after paying his own debt account to the pledgor for the balance. *Union Trust Co. v. Rigidon*, 486.

A corporation held in its hands as pledgee for a debt due to it by R two notes of M for \$2,000 and \$1,000, both overdue. These notes were placed in the hands of the company under a contract which gave it authority to sell them for the purposes of the debt "at public or private sale." Without having brought suit against M or demanded payment of him, the company wrote to him stating that R was indebted to it in a balance of over \$1,300, and offering M the first chance to purchase. A few days later the company surrendered the two notes to M on his paying them \$1,342.72, the amount then due from R. Held, that this was not a "sale" within the meaning of the contract, but was a compromise and was unauthorized. *Ibid.*

Evidence that the company made reasonable efforts to sell the notes and failed to find a purchaser, and that said sale and transfer to the maker of the notes was so made without any collusion or actual fraud, and for the best price that could be obtained for them, was irrelevant. *Ibid.*

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Questions as to the violation of a charter by a railroad in constructing a new line and abandoning its old one can only be raised by the State, except where such inquiry is expressly allowed by law to a private citizen. *Kinealy v. St. Louis etc. R. Co.*, 86.

An action will not lie against a railroad company for damages sustained by the abandonment of an old line, or the withdrawal of its train therefrom, in the absence of a contract between the railroad and the complainant, that the company should continue to maintain its road or to run its trains. Nor will the action lie for breach of duty, unless the party complaining can show that the duty was imposed for his benefit and not for another or for the public, his own advantage being merely incidental. *Ibid.*

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A bill of sale executed in Illinois upon personal property situated in Nebraska, is valid *inter partes*, though intended only as security for advances, and though neither filed nor recorded in Illinois or Nebraska, and though the possession of the property was not delivered. *Denny v. Faulkner*, 32.

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An agreement to extend the time of payment of a promissory note, in order to relieve the surety, must be for a valuable consideration and binding upon both parties. A mere agreement to extend the time of payment for an indefinite period of time, and without the payment of interest in advance, would not constitute a sufficient consideration and create a binding agreement, so as to relieve the surety. *Cassman v. Wohleben*, 106.

Administrators's bond binding notwithstanding absence of formal conclusion, "then this bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force," 121.

The sureties in the bond of an officer who is elected annually, are bound only for one year, although no time is specified in the bond and the officer is elected for several years in succession, 123.

B and S, a firm, executed a note for \$2,000, with defendant as surety, payable to S, and by him it was indorsed to plaintiff, and on the maturity of the note one-half of it was paid, and it was agreed between S, the payee and indorser, in consideration of ten dollars paid plaintiff, without the consent of defendant, that further time should be given on the remainder. *Held*, that the defendant was released, although the ten dollars was for interest in advance, or was usurious. *Stilwell v. Aaron*, 126.

Where a surety executes a note as maker and the security is so taken by the indorser, he may be treated in the character he has assumed on the face of the transaction, although the holder when he received the security knew the maker had become so for the accommodation of the indorser of the note; but such is not the case where the facts attending the execution of the note indicate that the maker is not to be held as a principal debtor. *Ibid.*

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In the absence of any statute upon the subject, a bond voluntarily given to the United States to secure the payment of a debt or the performance of official duty is valid, 155.

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An alteration in a bond which does not disturb its legal effect will not avoid it. The insertion of the words "are held and firmly bound," where omitted, is immaterial where the language of the bond was ample sufficient to express the obligation intended. *Western Bldg. Assn. v. Fitzmaurice*, with note, 171.

Where a building contract provides for such changes as might be found "necessary," changes made by order of the architect, not out of keeping with the general style, extent and purpose of the original undertaking, will not release the sureties on a bond given to secure the fulfilment of the terms of the agreement. *Ibid.*

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A stipulation in a bond to pay a reasonable attorney's fee to the plaintiff, in case a promissory note is not paid, or other contract is not performed according to its terms, and the party entitled to demand such performance is compelled to enforce it by law, is just and valid. *Wilson Sewing Mac. Co. v. Moreno*, 225.

In a suit on the bond of a lodge treasurer for moneys collected and not paid over, it is no defense on the part of the bondsmen that, at the time of their signing the bond, the treasurer was a defaulter to the lodge for moneys previously received; that they were not members of the lodge, and did not know of the fact; that the officers of the lodge did know of the fact and failed, as was their duty, to notify the bondsmen, and that they were misled by the lodge having selected him and thereby induced them to believe he had acted faithfully. *Roper v. Trustees of Sangamon Lodge*, 266.

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The actual *situs* of personal property and not the domicil of its owner, must determine the State in which it may be taxed. *State v. Howard County Court*, 25.

Municipal bonds of counties, like other commercial securities, are property in the place where they are found, and taxable there, and the owner who has sent them out of this State into another in good faith, can not be taxed on such bonds in this State, although he may have his domicil in this State. *Ibid.*

Vendee liable for taxes when in possession under contract to purchase, 117.

Though personal property the primary fund out of which taxes are to be collected, the fact that a delinquent party had personal property which the tax collector could have demanded, and out of which he could have made the taxes, and failed to do so, does not save the delinquent tax-payer from the penalty or release him from the tax, 117.

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